

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4259

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: BENC, UY  
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: SATELLITE EARTH STATION

REF: A) STATE 157406, B) MONTEVIDEO 768 C) MONTEVIDEO 1514

1. AS REQUESTED IN REF (A) EMBOFF TALKED WITH ANTEL VICE PRESIDENT, ING. NORBERTO FAROPPA, WHO INDICATED THAT SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUBJECT PROJECT ARE COMPLETED AND ESTIMATED THAT BIDS WILL BE CALLED FOR IN SEPTEMBER. ANTEL HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO ASK FOR PREQUALIFICATION STATEMENTS OR TO CALL FOR BIDS DIRECTLY.

2. ANTEL HAS DECIDED ON THE PORTABLE TYPE B SYSTEM (60 CHANNELS) WHICH SHOULD MEET DEMAND UNTIL ABOUT 1981 WHEN A TYPE A SYSTEM WILL BE PURCHASED. THE SUPPLIER OF THE \$2 MILLION SYSTEM WILL BE ASKED TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE FOR A 5-7 YEAR PERIOD. ANTEL EXPECTS TO SEEK IDB FINANCING FOR THE SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE OF THE MORE EXPENSIVE TYPE A SYSTEM.

3. WHILE ANTEL SEEMS QUITE CONFIDENT THAT THE PROJECT IS ON TRACK AND WILL BE REALIZED SHORTLY, ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN THE GOU'S CENTRAL PLANNING AND BUDGET OFFICE THE PROJECT IS ONLY IN THE BLUEPRINT STAGE

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AND BUDGETING HAS YET TO BE APPROVED. THE APPARENT DIFFERENCE MAY INVOLVE ONLY QUESTIONS OF SEMANTICS AND TIMING, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE FAILURE OF ANTEL TO CALL FOR BIDS IN THE APRIL-MAY PERIOD AS LAST REPORTED BY THE EMBASSY AS THE LIKELY TIMETABLE (REF C).

4. EMBASSY WILL KEEP WASHINGTON INFORMED ABOUT THIS  
PROJECT AND, WHEN PUBLISHED, BID CALL WILL BE PROMPTLY  
REPORTED AND DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO USDOC.

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